

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the
desert for forty days,
tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1:12-13

FEBRUARY
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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: St. Charles Church:

Reconciliation 3:15-3:45 PM; Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday: St. Charles Church : 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Christ the King Mission in Bellevue: 9:00 AM

Weekdays: St. Charles Church: Mon thru Sat 8:00 AM

Tues/Thurs 5:00 PM

Morning Prayer - M-F 7:30 AM St. Charles Church

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents or guardians of infants or children to be baptized should call the church and schedule a meeting with a priest or deacon at least one month prior to baptism date. Instruction class is on the second Saturday of the month. Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the following month.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the church office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Anytime during office hours. Call for an appointment.

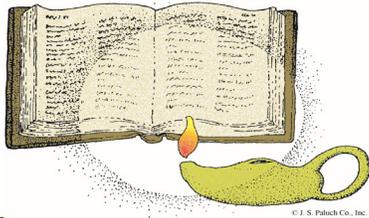
Communion to the Sick: Please call the church office when someone is unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Communion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM and any time during office hours. Please call the office for an appointment.

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First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

Your ways O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.
-Psalm 25:4

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.
Offertory contributions for February 14th for St. Charles Church will be published later.
Contributions for the Building Fund for St. Charles Church will be published later.
Offertory contributions for February 14th for Christ the King Mission will be published later.

Reminder: First Reconciliation Service
for students preparing for First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, February 27 at 9AM.



The **“Way of the Cross”** will be prayed every Friday evening in St. Charles Church during Lent at **6:30 PM**.

Six Steps to Easter Schedule

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Wednesday, March 17, 2021
Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Class Times

4:30-5:45 PM for Grades 6-7-8

Location: St. Charles Religious Ed Building

NOVENA OF GRACE

March 4-12 at 5:45 PM, St. Charles Church.

The Novena of Grace of St. Francis Xavier began in popularity after 1633 when St. Francis Xavier appeared in a vision to Father Marcello Mastrilli, S.J., curing him at the point of death and making to him this promise:

“All those who implore my help daily for nine consecutive days, from the 4th to the 12th of March included, and worthily receive the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist on one of the Nine days, will experience my protection and may hope with entire assurance to obtain from God any grace they ask for the good of their souls and the glory of God.”

Parish Penance Services are scheduled here at St. Charles Borromeo Church on Wednesday, March 3rd from 6:30-8:00 PM and on Wednesday, March 24th from 6:30-8:00 PM.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2021:

If you would like to sponsor a **weekend flower arrangement** for 2021, we are working on the schedule now. Please call Darrell or Mary Ann at the church office, 662-5279.

**Welcome to Visitors and/or
New Parishioners**

We welcome Dr. Frankie Kelly, our New Director of Sacred Music!

After extensive search and much prayer, God has provided for us with a very gifted and experienced new Director of Sacred Music, Dr. Frankie J. Kelly.

Dr. Kelly holds three degrees in music, including a doctorate in Musical Arts from the University of Illinois. She is a professionally trained orchestral clarinetist and pianist and long-time music educator as a professor on the faculty of Southeastern Louisiana University, Loyola University of New Orleans, and the University of New Orleans. She has wide experience conducting orchestras and choirs, training both instrumentalists and singers.

She comes to us most recently from Texas where she served in Catholic Churches for a number of years as a director of sacred music both in the Houston and Austin Diocese.

As the Director of Sacred Music, she will oversee all things musical at the parish, serving as a member of the parish staff, directing our Vigil, 10:30 Sunday, and Holy Day choirs, coordinating music for all funerals and weddings, and encouraging us all to participate joyfully in praising God through song.

She is delighted that the variety of her professional experiences has brought her to St. Charles, placing her squarely within her childhood passion and love: that of sacred music.

Please join me in welcoming her to our parish.
Fr. Mark Kramer, S.J.

CONFIRMATION (11th Grade) -Confirmation Mass took place on Wednesday, February 10th. We give God thanks for the confirmation of our parish candidates and pray for them as they go forth to live out this Sacrament of Christian Maturity. Our Youth Ministry program will be offering optional study opportunities beginning in Lent so confirmands can continue to grow in community and faith after Confirmation.

LIFENIGHTS - (9th & 10th Grade)

At LifeNight on Sunday, Feb 7th we watched a presentation by Fr. Mike Schmitz: “Ray The Mass Like Never Before”. While many people go to Mass every week, few people know what it is to worship. We show up and do our best to “pay attention,” but for too many of us, this must means we watch closely. You have been given a gift that you have most likely left unused. This gift is unused because it is largely unknown. We also spent time reading and reflecting on the first few chapters in the Gospel of Mark.

February Date: February 21st

FEBRUARY

Minister Schedule for February 27-28

Vigil-Lector	Debra Menard
Communion	Deacon David Menard
EMHC –Transepts	Linda LeBlanc
Communion-Gym	Mary Ann Matte
7:30-Lector	Jim Burleigh
Communion	Deacon David Menard
Transepts	Brenda Kennerson
10:30-Lector	Pamela Norfleet
Communion	Janice Fox
Transepts	Robert Fox

ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

A Lenten Day of Prayer for Women at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House.

“Fasting, Almsgiving, Prayer” will be presented by Fr. Lou McCabe, S.J. on **Tuesday, March 9, 2021** from 8:30 am, concluding will Mass at 2:15 p.m. Cost is \$25. Limited Capacity and Masks are required. Please pre-register on the website www.ourladyoftheoaks.com or call 662-5410.

New Guidelines for Baptisms in 2021

Baptism Instructions will be held on the second Saturday of each month. The Baptisms will be celebrated on the First Sunday of the **following** month. The application must be completed & submitted by the 1st of the month, prior to the month of Baptism

Sacrament of BAPTISM April Schedule:

Baptism Application Due: Monday, March 1, 2021
Baptism Instructions: Saturday, March 13, 2021
Baptism Date: Sunday, April 11, 2021

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today’s readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter’s letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: “Repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH AUGUST 16, 2020-MAY 1, 2021

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated each Wednesday, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM during the Year of St. Joseph with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM.

A sign-up book will be located at the entrance of church. We need a minimum of 2 parishioners for each hour. You may also sign up by calling Deacon David Menard at 692-1035 to sign up or online on our website st-charles-borromeo.org (To date, we have prayed 749 Adoration Hours)

Volunteers Needed for Grant Writing

The parish is looking for volunteers with experience in **grant writing** to assist us in our fund raising efforts. If interested, please contact Mary Ann at matte@st-charles-borromeo.org

“We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.”

GRIEF

Acadiana Center through Loss and Transitions with Hospice of Acadiana shared a Mental Health Digital Short Release on collective grief. It helps one to understand our thoughts and emotions during the pandemic as we deal with collective grief.

Additional information at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGF9wgaGGIY>



Thank You to all of you who give your offertory through online giving! Many of you are not yet able to attend Mass, but continue to support our ministry through your gifts.